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Agenda Item #	6
Meeting Date	November 1, 2004
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Discussion Item	Transportation of Hazardous Materials
Background	<p>The Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee has requested time on the City Council agenda to present their ideas about legislation concerning transportation of high level nuclear waste through Takoma Park. At Council's request, the topic has been broadened to include transportation of hazardous materials. City Attorney Sue Silber will also be present for the discussion.</p> <p>The Committee has prepared a book of background materials for Council's review. Please note that Council of the District of Columbia Bill 15-525, the "Terrorism Prevention and Safety in Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 2003," is included in the book under Tab #13. The bill was introduced on October 21, 2003. The Committee on Public Works and the Environment held a public hearing on January 23, 2004.</p> <p>On March 15, 2004, Fred Millar of the DC Local Emergency Planning Committee presented information to Council on this issue.</p> <p>The Takoma Park City Council is on record as opposing transport of radioactive waste near or through Takoma Park (Resolution 1995-43). The resolution is included in the book under Tab #15.</p>
Policy	The City Council is concerned with the safety of its residents.
Fiscal Impact	None at this time.
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information book prepared by the Nuclear Free Takoma Park Committee - "Improving and Securing Rail Service in the Nation's Capital" (from the National Capital Planning Commission) - "Hazmat Rerouting Decision Delayed," article from the October 25, 2004 edition of the Washington Post
Recommendation	Listen to the Committee's presentation and consider whether or not to proceed with legislation.
Special Consideration	